

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4-23, 26-29 and 31-41 have been examined and rejected. Claim 24 has been allowed. Claims 25 and 30 have been objected to as being dependent on rejected claims but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

By this Amendment, Applicant has canceled claims 1, 2, 4-23, 26-29 and 31-41, without prejudice or disclaimer. Accordingly, Applicant submits that the rejection of such claims is now moot. Applicants reserve the right to file a continuation application directed to the canceled subject matter.

Claims 24, 25, and 30 are all the claims now pending in the application. Entry of the amendment and allowance of claims 24, 25 and 30 is hereby solicited.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
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The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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